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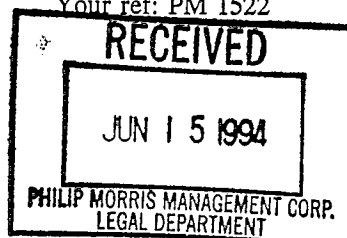
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Our ref: PAS/CS/33442

Your ref: PM 1522



Dear Charles,

Norwegian Patent Application 92-2369

Your ref: PM 1522 - Our file: 33442

I enclose a translation of an official action issued on the above application. Our Associates have asked for instructions not later than **28th August**.

Of the documents cited the Swiss specification 649198 corresponds with your own U.S. Patents 4235250 and 4258729 which have also been cited. I am therefore not enclosing copies of these. The cited Norwegian patents are also both your own cases and are therefore not enclosed. Norwegian Patent 142650 derives from U.S. Serial No.441767 of 12th February 1974 and Norwegian Patent 150501 derives from U.S. Serial No.822793 of 8th August 1977.

I suggest that at this stage we file new claims in the Norwegian application corresponding to those in the European application and explain how these claims are novel over the various prior documents. I think we may have further difficulties over patentability to which our answer is probably that the various documents cited show a great deal of effort being expended to achieve the desired expansion economically without coming up with the solution which is the subject of the present application.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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